

THE LITURGICAL WEEK

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 15

St. Albert the Great

4:30pm - All Deceased Priests of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church†

Sunday, November 16

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am - Jim Kenny†

11:00am - For St. John Parishioners

12:30pm - Raiford Hyde

Monday, November 17

St. Elizabeth of Hungary

8:30am - Jay Young†

Tuesday, November 18

The Dedication of the Basilicas of

SS. Peter & Paul

St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

8:30am - Priest's Intention

Wednesday, November 19

5:15pm - Dorothy Tedrahn†

Thursday, November 20

8:30am - Jim R. Hess†

Friday, November 21

The Presentation of the Blessed

Virgin Mary

8:30am - Edna Smith†

Saturday, November 22

St. Cecilia

4:30pm - Edwina Brodzinski†

Sunday, November 23

Our Lord Jesus Christ,

King of the Universe

8:30am - Margaret Powers†

11:00am - Aunt Nana Harding

12:30pm - For St. John Parishioners

“Behold the Lamb of God

who takes away

the sin of the world.”

~St. John the Baptist (John 1:29)

CONFESSION

Mondays 7:30 - 8:15am

Wednesdays 4:00 - 5:00pm

Fridays 7:30 - 8:15am

Saturdays 3:30 - 4:15pm

DEVOTIONS

ADORATION

Wednesday at 5:45pm

MORNING PRAYER

After Mass on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

After Morning Prayer on Monday

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

are lit this week in memory of

Helen Bradley †

PRAYERS

FOR OUR SICK & SHUT-INS

Please remember the infirmed of our parish, especially those who, by request, have been placed on our parish prayer intention list.

*Added to our prayer list are
Tom Kempf and Lisa Kingsley*

If you would like to be added to this list, please call the parish office. You may also call for a copy of the prayer list.

SPIRITUAL READING & REFLECTION

Dear Parishioners,

Today is the 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time and next Sunday we will celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, the last Sunday of the Liturgical Year of Grace 2014. This feast shows us the triumph of Christ over all time and place. We pray for His Kingdom to come in our hearts and the hearts of all. Today the readings lead us to reflect on the end times and the blessings God will give us through the Messiah's coming.

Today's Holy Mass presents us with a reflection on our task as stewards of God's magnificent gifts. Fr. Fernandez writes in *Conversations with God*:

"During these final weeks of the liturgical year, the Church calls us to consider the eternal truths. These truths are of immediate relevance to our souls. As we read in the Second Reading of today's Mass, our encounter with the Lord will arrive without warning, like a thief in the night. No matter how prepared we think we are for its arrival, death always takes us by surprise.

"In today's Gospel the Lord teaches us that we must spend our earthly life in such a way as to win Heaven. Jesus compares our time on earth to a long-term leasing arrangement....

We certainly want to be found vigilant when the Lord arrives."

In two weeks we will begin the Season of Advent and many people will rush into a Christmas mode, which will unfortunately sometimes develop into an unbridled and sometimes vulgar materialism. But we want to be careful to celebrate all the four weeks of Advent: a Season of quiet preparation and waiting; a season of penance and joyful expectation of the Season of Christmas. The First Sunday of Advent will be a time to make resolutions for our new year of Grace 2015. What will be our schedule of prayer, study and parish activity as we begin the new year with Advent? Remember that Advent is a time of waiting, a time of quiet reflection to help us prepare for the celebration of Christmas. Get out your Advent Wreath and Advent Calendar to help focus on the *Season of Advent*. There are two parts to the *Season of Advent*:

Season of Advent - part 1: First Sunday of Advent until December 16
-focuses on the Second Coming of Jesus, the King who fulfills the Old Testament prophecies and our preparation for it.

Season of Advent - part 2: December 17 through 24: these are called "late Advent days."
-focuses on the First Coming of Jesus at Christmas and our celebration of it.

Let us be leaders in keeping the true meaning of Advent and Christmas. We will have to be careful of the temptation to an unbridled materialism so that we don't make Advent and Christmas into a pagan financial feast. The external celebrations should lead us to the heart of Christmas – God appearing in the flesh to invite us to salvation. Pace yourselves in these holy days; enjoy the richness of the Advent days. They should be days of calm reflection on the Mystery of the Incarnation, God taking on human nature. Decorate slowly and deliberately, not putting everything up at once. Slow down.



Remember also, that the **"12 Days" of Christmas** are the days from **December 26 until January 6, the Epiphany**, not the last 12 shopping days before Christmas.

Season of Christmas - part 1: Christmas until Epiphany (12 days)
Season of Christmas - part 2: Epiphany until Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Be sure to keep your tree and decorations up until the end of the Christmas Season at the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (January 11, 2015). Enjoy the Advent Season of preparing for Christmas with all your visiting, decorating, gift wrapping, cards and, of course, with quiet prayer daily and daily Mass if you can be there. Make an extra good Confession for Advent. Make plans now about how you will continue the celebration of the full Season of Christmas with parties and visits through the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, January 11, 2015. Some people continue the old practice of celebrating until February 2, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord which is 40 days after Christmas.

God bless you and may our Lady keep you in her care. With my prayers, Fr. Arnsperger

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

For sacramental emergencies, please call 828-859-9574, ext. 6

If you or anyone you know is homebound or hospitalized, even temporarily, please call the office so that we may arrange for them to be visited by one of our Extraordinary Ministers.

DAILY MASS READINGS

November 16 Sun

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/

1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30

or 25:14-15, 19-21

November 17 Mon

Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Lk 18:35-43

November 18 Tue

Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Lk 19:1-10 Acts

28:11-16, 30-

31*/Mt 14:22-33*

November 19 Wed

Rv 4:1-11/Lk 19:11-28

November 20 Thu

Rv 5:1-10/Lk 19:41-44

November 21 Fri

Rv 10:8-11/Lk 19:45-48

November 22 Sat

Rv 11:4-12/Lk 20:27-40

November 23 Sun

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/1 Cor 15:20-26,

28/Mt 25:31-46



Next week's collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) needs your help. CCHD was founded to end the cycle of poverty in the United States by funding organizations that help people help themselves. With the tradition of improving education, housing situations, and economic development, CCHD continues to make a positive impact on communities nationwide. Your contribution will defend human dignity and help those living on the margins of our society. Please give to the CCHD Collection.

FINANCIAL FACTS

	This Week	Y.T.D.
Actual	\$6,773	\$131,655
Budgeted	\$7,038	\$134,200
Variance	(\$ 265)	(\$ 2,545)
(unfavorable)		

This is the collection report for the
Sunday Masses of
November 8 & 9, 2014

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2015

World Meeting of Families: Love is Our Mission, The Family Fully Alive

Registration is now open for the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia, September 22-27, 2015! Families can look forward to speakers, celebrations, activities for kids, and prayer, all of which will bring renewal and transformation for you, your loved ones and the world. To reserve your spot at the World Meeting, visit the official website WorldMeeting2015.org and select Register. Multiple packages are available for adults and children (ages 6-17). Jesus is the source for the hope, faith, love and joy that should animate Catholic family life. During the month of November, spread the JOY!



Love Is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive is a preparatory catechesis for the World Meeting of Families. Our hope is that these books will help each of you, as a family, to "reflect upon the beauty and joy of God's plan for marriage and family life in anticipation of the teachings, activities, and celebrations at the World Meeting of Families event (Philadelphia, 2015)." These books are in the vestibule of the church and we ask that you take one book per family. Any donations would be greatly appreciated—simply place in an envelope marked accordingly and place in the regular collection basket at Mass. Note: The books were not available after the 4:30 Vigil Mass last weekend—sorry for any inconvenience or confusion.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARISH SOUP SUPPER • MONDAY, DECEMBER 8TH • 7:30PM

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church is once again planning our Soup Sampler Supper for December 8th—the Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Join us on Monday, December 8th, for a simple evening meal with delicious homemade soups and breads, crackers and light desserts shared in the warmth of parish fellowship. The Soup Supper will begin directly after the Holy Day Mass at 6:30pm.



Soup makers, we are calling on you to bring your favorite pot of soup to share. We have Mass prior to, and are therefore expecting a larger crowd. So we are seeking TEN (10) cooks to prepare their signature pot of soup. Bread makers, we hope you will share some of your wonderful breads as well. We look forward to hearing from all of you. Please contact Palma to confirm you are preparing a soup or bread. Thank you!

Palma Davis: riverhillfarmcmd@gmail.com 828-817-4430
Send recipes for sharing to Theresa Fitch: stjohnff@windstream.net

COFFEE & DONUTS / DONUTS & DOGMA



Coffee & Donuts has a new face and name: **Donuts & Dogma**. Starting in December, Fr. Arnsparger will be offering a new opportunity to learn more about our rich and beautiful Catholic faith. On the first Sunday of each month, hot coffee and various donuts will still be offered by the gracious generosity of our Family Life Commission members; however, we will now have Fr. Arnsparger sharing and teaching on various faith topics. We hope you will join Fr. Arnsparger for Donuts & Dogma on Sunday, December 7th in the parish social hall after the 8:30am Mass.



PARISH LIFE AT A GLANCE

Mon	Nov 17	9:00am 2:00pm 5:30pm 7:00pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet Tryon Estates Mass Schola Choir Rehearsal, Church RCIA, Parish Center
Tue	Nov 18	6:30pm	Women's Group, Parish Center
Wed	Nov 19	5:30pm 6:00pm	Mixed Sacramental Class, Parish Center Faith Formation Classes, Parish Center
Thur	Nov 20	9:30am 7:00pm	Patriotic Rosary, Church Men's Group, Social Hall
Fri	Nov 21	5:30pm 6:30pm	Children's Choir Potluck Dinner, Social Hall Children's Choir Rehearsal, Church
Sat	Nov 22	—	—
Sun	Nov 23	9:45am	Children's Choir Rehearsal, Parish Center

CONGRATULATIONS TO **BELLA LYNN QUINN**

recently baptized and now called a daughter of God: That her parents, Godparents, family, and the whole parish community may help her to grow in her love of Christ by proclaiming the Gospel in all they say and do.



FAITH FORMATION / OTHER

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

MEN'S GROUP — THURSDAY EVENINGS 7:00pm to 8:30pm • Parish Social Hall

The St. John the Baptist Men's Group will continue to meet on Thursday evenings extended now through the second week of December — December 11th. Our pastor, Fr. Arnsparger, will be the guest speaker for the Men's Group the first week of December on the 4th and will share about his trip to Rome. *Note: Men's Group will not meet November 27th (Thanksgiving Day).*

WOMEN'S GROUP This Tuesday, November 18th 6:30pm to 8:00pm

All ladies of the parish are invited to join us this Tuesday evening, November 18th to revisit *The Eucharist*—Fr. Robert Barron's compelling commentary on the Eucharist as Sacred Meal, Sacrifice and Real Presence. We will gather at 6:30pm in the parish center. We are revisiting this three-part series so that we may explore more deeply with reflection and discussions. We hope you will join us.

"We cannot adequately understand any aspect of the Church's life until we see its intimate connection with Christ in the Eucharist."
—Fr. Richard John Neuhaus

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

RCIA Classes meet this Monday evening, November 17th at 7:00pm in the parish center.

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS & EVENTS

Saturday, November 15

Movie Night with Fr. Arnsparger, 6:30pm—8:45pm
Pizza/Salad/Dessert/Popcorn!

Sunday, November 16

Youth Group Sunday Morning, 9:45am—10:45am
Breakfast with Fr. Arnsparger

Coming up in the month of December: Details TBA

Sunday, December 7

Youth Christmas Caroling

Monday, December 8

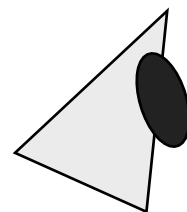
Youth SERVE at Soup Supper

Friday, December 19

Youth Christmas Party

Sunday, December 21

Youth Group Sunday Morning



**“ADVENT
AND
OUR
LIVES”**



**CIRCLE OF MARY
SATURDAY, DEC. 6TH
ROSARY: 8:05AM
MASS 8:30AM
BREAKFAST TO FOLLOW**

All women of the parish are invited.

PARISH / DIOCESE / OTHER



We have new Catholic Lighthouse Media CDs in the Church Vestibule

**\$4 REQUESTED DONATION
PER CD**

Titles include: *Getting Others to Heaven, The Sacrament of Penance, The Healing Power of Confession, The Hidden Power of Forgiveness, Confession, The Eucharist, and Keep Holy the Sabbath.*

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

“When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls. Her husband, entrusting his heart to her, has an unfailing prize.” Do we value the prize we have in our spouse enough to take time to enjoy it? The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is Feb. 6-8, 2015 in Asheville, N.C. Early sign up is highly recommended.

For more information visit our website at:
<http://NCMarriageDiscovery.org>
or contact us at
applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org
or 704-315-2144.

MEDICARE D OPEN

ENROLLMENT OCT 15 — DEC 7

Now is the time to evaluate your present Medicare D prescription drug plan. If you need help, call to set up an appointment with a SHIP volunteer. You may call Peggy at 859-6339 or Debbie at 894-6337. Both Peggy and Debbie are St. John parishioners.

PRO LIFE

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you.”

—Jeremiah 1:5 (NABRE © 2010 CCD.
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ST. JOHN INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

In the event of serious weather conditions, Diocesan Policy states: During the week, if the local schools are closed the Parish Office will be closed and any activities for that day will be canceled. Listen to local television and radio stations, or check the internet for Polk County school closing announcements. On the weekend, please use your own judgement.

COUNSELING SERVICE

Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte, Asheville office has a bilingual English & Spanish speaking COUNSELOR on staff. Our counseling service has a sliding scale fee based on income. We have immediate openings for folks looking for anger management as well as EMDR, individual, couple and family counseling. Call 828-255-0146 ext. 23 to speak to the counselor or to leave a message.



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

SAVE THE DATE

Nov 27 — 28		Parish Office Closed for Thanksgiving
Dec 7	9:30am	Donuts & Dogma, Social Hall
Dec 8	—	Parish Office Closed for Holy Day
	8:30am	Mass for Immaculate Conception
	6:30pm	Mass for Immaculate Conception
	7:30pm	Soup Sampler Supper, Social Hall
Dec 14	4:00pm	Advent Program “Lessons & Carols,” Church
Dec 24 — 26		Parish Office Closed for Christmas
Jan 31 / Feb 1		Souper Bowl of Caring after all Masses
Feb 14	5:30pm	Annual Spaghetti Dinner, Social Hall

